

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
ARTS COMMISS  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)  
**Date of Meeting:** April 25, 2005  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

**I. Call to Order** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, Hicks, Ogle, Rabe and  
Alternates McGuire and Butler

Council Member Liaison Absent: Council Member Giordano

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak,  
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

**IV. Alternates** The Chair sat Alternate McGuire in the Commissioner Vacancy.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda of April 25, 2005.

M/S: Hays/Rabe Ayes: All

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2005.

M/S: Ogle/McGuire Ayes: All

**VII. Citizens Forum**

No members from the public wished to speak.

**VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, referred the Commission to the Mid Town Plan Map in their packet, as requested at the March 28, 2005, meeting. Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, explained that the map is color coded to reflect different building projects in the Mid Town area.

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, awarded the Commission with their Certificates of Commendation for their dedication as a Commissioner for the City of Milpitas in 2004.

**IX. Old Business**

**1. Public Art Funding Policy**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, first congratulated the Commission on a great job in expediting the Public Art Policy. She stated that they made a good presence at the April 19, 2005, City Council Meeting. The Public Art Policy was approved in its augmented form. Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, informed the Commission that she met with the City Attorney, who will be working on creating the Public Art Ordinance. A draft Ordinance will go back to the Arts Commission for review and then to City Council for Adoption. She

expects the Commission will see the draft Ordinance at their May meeting. Once the Ordinance is adopted by City Council, discussions will take place on how to form the PAC and what they will be working on first. By July the PAC should be ready to start working on Public Art in the City of Milpitas.

## **2. Work Plan**

Commissioner McGuire informed the Commission that she has two articles ready for the Milpitas POST and distributed them for Commission approval. Commissioner Hays asked if a catchy title for the Article could be added such as "Art in Your City; from the Milpitas Arts Commission". The Commission discussed the idea of a title for the article and agreed that it would be a good idea. Chairperson Foulk asked the Commission to return to their May 23, 2005, meeting with their ideas.

## **X. New Business**

### **1. Phantom Art Gallery Application – Diaz-Bastin**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, introduced Ms. Diaz-Bastin to the Commission, stating that her work is primarily done in oil and that should her work be approved, her gallery will be scheduled for January 23 – March 17, 2006. Ms. Diaz-Bastin explained to the Commission that she has some formal training and has her own studio in Berkley, CA. Her work is hung in several business offices and restaurants in the Bay Area.

The Commission viewed and discussed her work. Commissioner McGuire expressed concern, as her work is very different from what traditionally hangs in the Gallery and asked if the Commission felt it was appropriate. Commissioner Hays stated that although she is not necessarily a fan of the abstractness of the work, she thinks it will be a nice addition to the gallery. Commissioner Ettinger stated that the colors will be great, especially for the children who come through the Milpitas Community Center. She concluded that something different in the gallery would be nice to see.

**MOTION** to approve the Phantom Art Gallery application for Sarah Diaz-Bastin.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger

Ayes: All

## **XI. Staff Reports**

Program Coordinator, Lorentzen, reminded the Commission of their CASP Event assignments:

May 14, 2005 - MAFTA – Rabe/McGuire

May 15, 2005 – SJWS – Rabe/Hays

Recreation Supervisor, Yurchak, informed the Commission of the following upcoming Special Events:

May 21, 2005 – A Taste of Milpitas - McCarthy Ranch

May 30, 2005 – Memorial Day Ceremony – Veterans Memorial Park

## **XII. Liaison Reports**

### **2. Commissioner CASP Review**

Commissioner Ogle informed the Commission that she attended the GENCO CASP event on April 2, 2005. She stated that the event was too long and was not in English, making it impossible to connect with the program. The children and

young adults' dancing was intermittent as there were too many speeches as well as a long ceremony of plaque presentations with speeches from each person. She felt that although the event is a benefit, it should be less culturally exclusive, so that all members from the community can benefit.

Program Coordinator, Lorentzen, added that she had spoken to GENCO about the length of their program and that to truly open up the night to all cultures and the community of Milpitas, the program should be bi-lingual, so everyone can understand and appreciate the evening.

#### **XIII. Future Agenda Items**

- Title of Article to the Milpitas POST – May
- Fundraising – June

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 23, 2005.